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A BILL FOR

- 1 An Act providing for access to feminine hygiene products in
- public school restrooms.
- 3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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- 1 Section 1. <u>NEW SECTION</u>. **279.72 Access to feminine hygiene** 2 products restrooms.
- 3 The board of directors of a school district shall ensure that
- 4 feminine hygiene products can be accessed by students without
- 5 cost in at least half of the restrooms in school buildings in
- 6 the district where students in grades six through twelve are
- 7 educated and that the supply of feminine hygiene products is
- 8 refilled regularly. For purposes of this section, "feminine
- 9 hygiene products" means sanitary napkins, tampons, or other
- 10 similar items used for feminine hygiene.
- 11 Sec. 2. STATE MANDATE FUNDING SPECIFIED. In accordance
- 12 with section 25B.2, subsection 3, the state cost of requiring
- 13 compliance with any state mandate included in this Act shall
- 14 be paid by a school district from state school foundation aid
- 15 received by the school district under section 257.16. This
- 16 specification of the payment of the state cost shall be deemed
- 17 to meet all of the state funding-related requirements of
- 18 section 25B.2, subsection 3, and no additional state funding
- 19 shall be necessary for the full implementation of this Act
- 20 by and enforcement of this Act against all affected school
- 21 districts.
- 22 EXPLANATION
- The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.
- 25 This bill requires school boards to ensure that feminine
- 26 hygiene products can be accessed by students without cost in at
- 27 least half of the restrooms in school buildings in the district
- 28 where students in grades 6 through 12 are educated and that the
- 29 supply of feminine hygiene products is refilled regularly. The
- 30 bill defines "feminine hygiene products" as sanitary napkins,
- 31 tampons, or other similar items used for feminine hygiene.
- 32 The bill may include a state mandate as defined in Code
- 33 section 25B.3. The bill requires that the state cost of
- 34 any state mandate included in the bill be paid by a school
- 35 district from state school foundation aid received by the

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- 1 school district under Code section 257.16. The specification
- 2 is deemed to constitute state compliance with any state mandate
- 3 funding-related requirements of Code section 25B.2. The
- 4 inclusion of this specification is intended to reinstate the
- 5 requirement of political subdivisions to comply with any state
- 6 mandates included in the bill.